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In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2003 having a shortened statutory period for response expiring on December 17, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although the Applicants believe no fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782, for any fees required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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